

respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand how an engine control system, such as the exemplary full authority digital electronic control system recited at page 5, line 20, could be coupled to the fuel system interface.

However, to expedite the prosecution of the present invention, Figures 2, 4, and 5 have each been amended to include an engine control system coupled to the fuel system interface. In anticipation of approval of the drawing changes, Applicant has submitted substitute drawings incorporating the above-noted changes. No new matter has been added. For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art, after reading the specification in view of the Figures, would agree that the subject matter in the specification is described in such a manner as to reasonably convey that the Applicant had possession of the claimed invention, at the time the application was filed. Furthermore, Applicant submits that the specification as filed, does support a fuel system interface which receives electrically and mechanically originated over-speed signals. More specifically, the components described in the specification and illustrated in Figure 2 are the identical components described and illustrated in Figures 4 and 5, with the only difference between Figures 2, 4, and 5 being which speed sensing system is illustrated and described within each respective Figure. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art, after reading the specification in light of the Figures, would understand the present invention as recited in Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant requests the Section 112, first paragraph, rejections of Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, <sup>second</sup> ~~first~~ paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art, after reading the specification in view of the Figures, would understand the claimed recitation of being based on pre-defined priority selection logic. For example, Applicant submits that an artisan of ordinary skill in the art would understand controlling operation based on pre-defined priority logic, such as the exemplary priority logic illustrated and described in Figure 3. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant requests the Section 112, second paragraph, rejections of Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-16, and 18 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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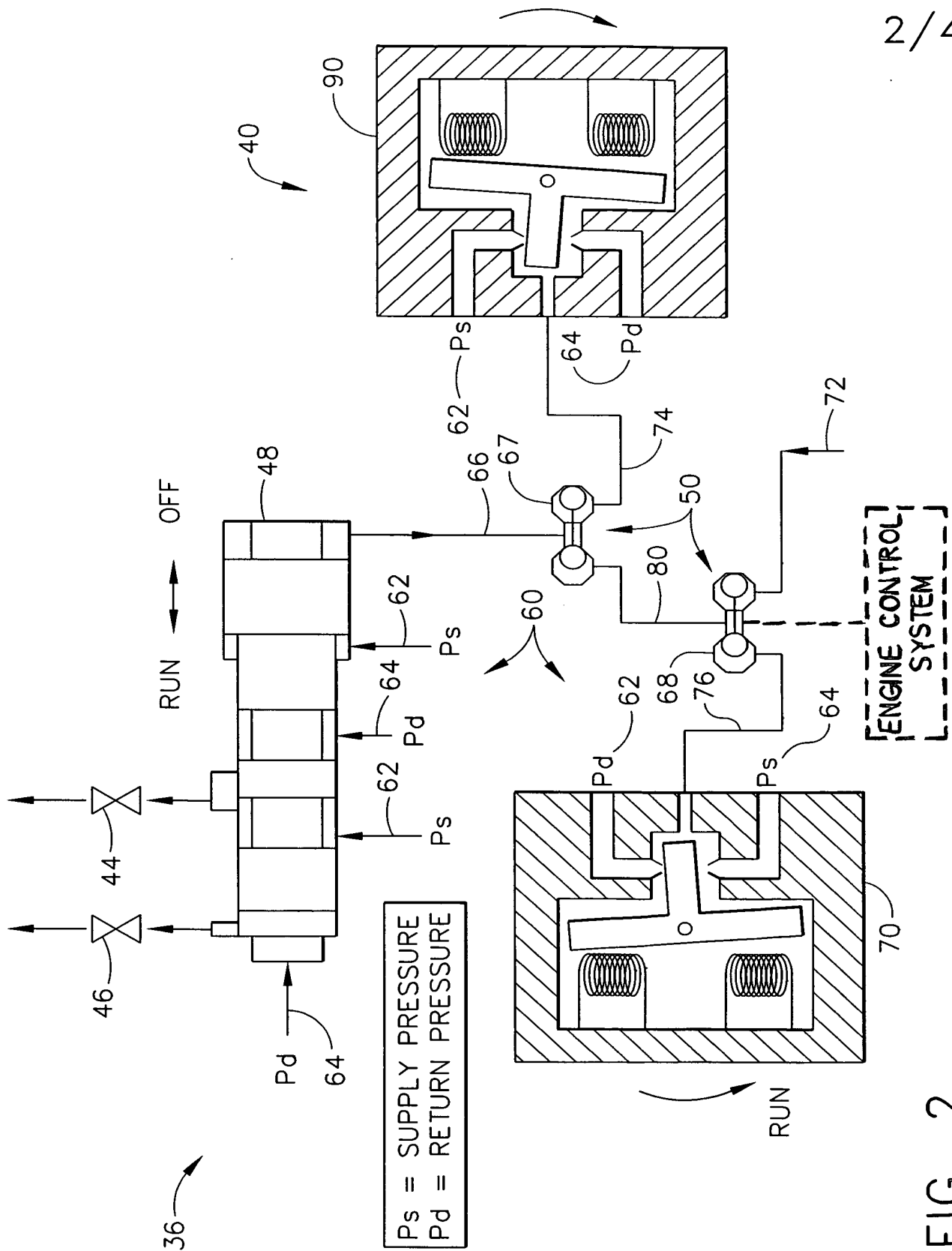


FIG. 2

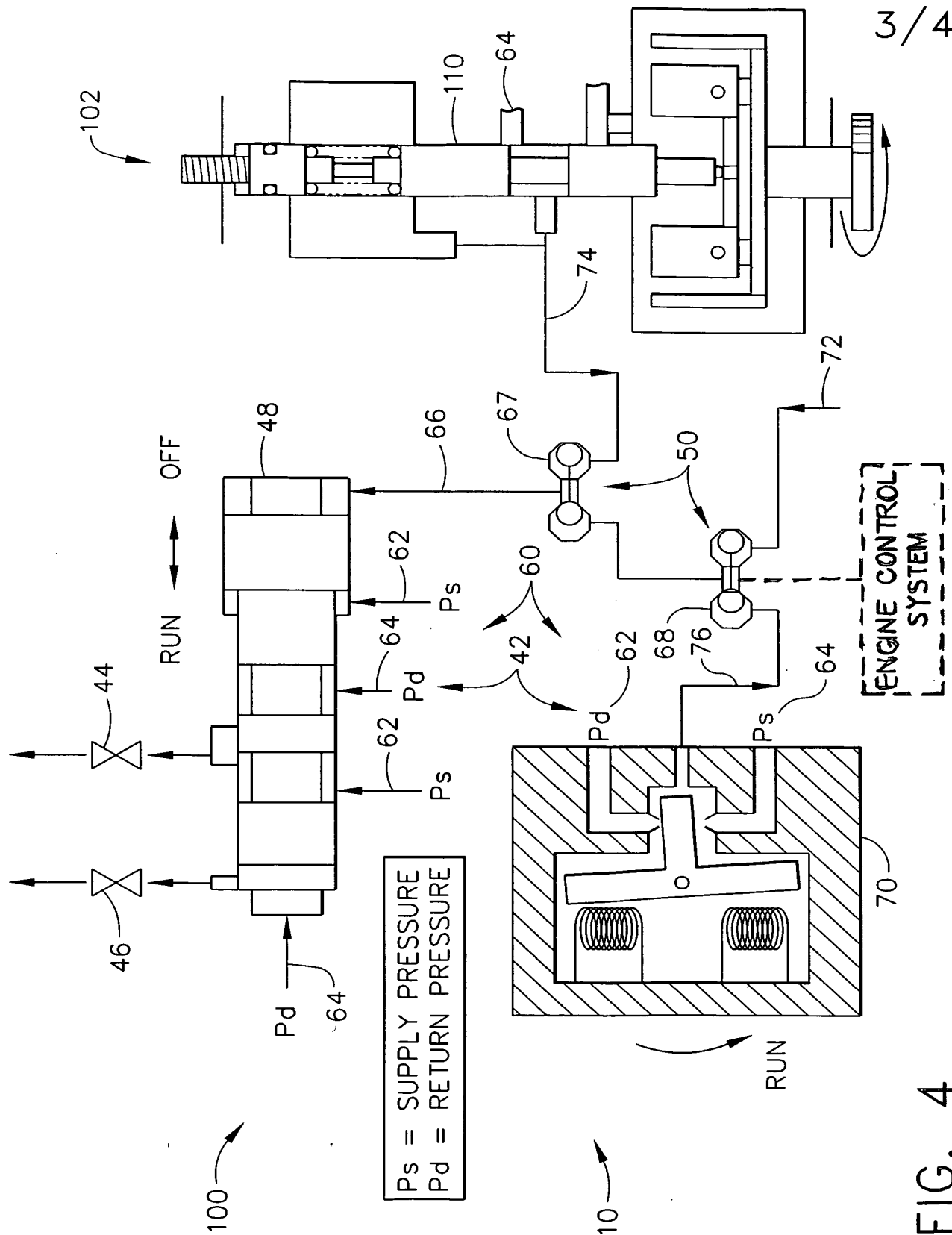
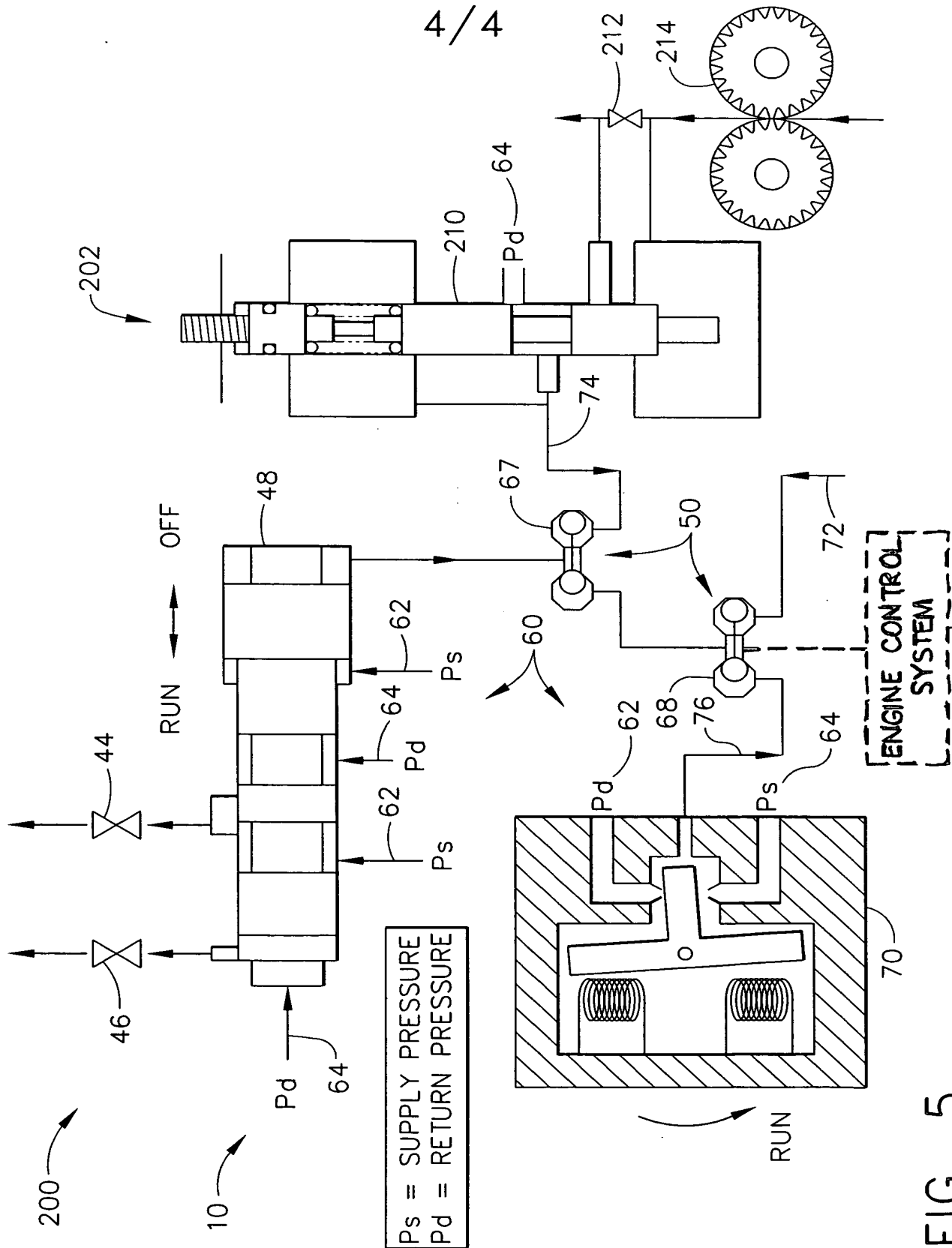


FIG. 4

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